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The Senatorial Campaign
Meeting In Columbia.

Along with the seething, sweating, surging mass of humanity, all white except just a sprinkling of colored, the editor of The Southern Indicator found himself on the inside of the opera house to hear the speaking. He feels that he can speak dispassionately. He heard all of Mr. Jennings' speech and the major part of Mr. Pollock. Mr. Pollock made the better speech.

The audience was a representative one, running from the venerable and distinguished Dr. Joyner of the South Carolina University to a little white boy sitting near the writer in "the peanut gallery"—a little fellow not more than 8 years old who constantly interrupted the speakers by yelling at the top of his voice—"Hurrah for Coley". His father had brought along the little girl, apparently about six, and these two were as quiet as mice. No one undertook to quirk little fellow or a bigger one just behind the writer, who had a good voice, and lustily yelled smart sayings at the two speakers when they spoke against his idol, "Coley". Inquiring and information about the sayings of the other two speakers, Senator Smith and Governor Blease, lead us, to say to our colored readers, none of them represents the sentiments of the best white people of South Carolina toward the colored people. The sifting process going on is demonstrating that that class is very small in South Carolina. The writer knows all four of these men by sight, and knows Capt. Pollock personally and have employed him in civil business. He is by birth and training what we call a gentleman. Senator Smith is the brother of the late A. Coke Smith who was a polished christian gentleman and a personal friend of the writer, "Coke". Smith was one of the most popular eloquent and successful Methodist preachers, and one of the most lovable characters, South Carolina ever produced.

Mr. Jennings is one of the boldest and most successful lawyers in Sumter County and is very popular. Governor Blease, everybody knows. He is a chip of the old block, his father's son. None of these men can fill the place South Carolina needs to have someone fill in the senate chamber. To the colored people when it comes to looking out for the good of the people outside of color, of the people of the entire country, W. P. Pollock will make the best senator. Jennings and Smith appear to be in the same class. Senator Smith is evidently a Methodist backslider. If he could come to himself, be less profane and more guarded in his public utterances, he has by inheritance and training elements to make him a potent figure and serviceable public servant. Governor Blease is in a class to himself. There will be but one Ben Tillman. There will be but one Cole Blease. As far as the colored people are concerned Cole Blease is an improvement in every way on Ben Tillman.

In the final analysis it will be found that any one of these four men will do the colored people

about as much good as the other in the United States senate. So keep cool, and mind your business, and on the first Monday in August go and register and prepare to help redeem poor South Carolina, for 'the Huns and Goths are now sitting on the throne of the Caesars.'

Poor South Carolina

Once South Carolina, Virginia and Massachusetts were a trio of states, any one of which stood for what was thought to be great and noble in the Union of states. The traveler in this or any other country hailing from one of these states felt proud to let his citizenship be known, and usually received special recognition. It is not so now with the citizens of South Carolina, white or black. Every decent citizen, irrespective of his color or politics, feels ashamed of his state. If what these white leaders of each faction is saying about one another be true, if it were possible for the earth to open and swallow the whole "bunch" the people—the Christian people of the United States would fervently take off their hats and wipe their noses instead of their eyes, and say "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

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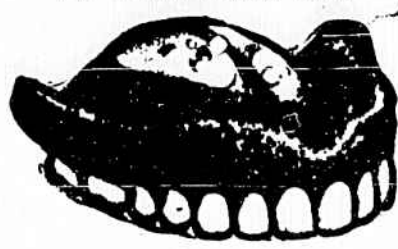
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